

“Relationship between past and current members of the Top 5%.”Kirk Duplessis, August 2014

This graphic is an illustration of the categories occupied by members of the Top 5 in the year prior and the year following.

For instance, roughly 56% of the Top 5 cohort in 2012 remained in the top 5 cohort in 2013, with 30% falling into the next 25% bracket and the balance falling into the bottom 70%. The symmetry of this relationship as seen below suggests that a subgroup of the Top 5 will be continuously present over time.

Further analysis, such as that show in “Proportion of MaineCare Top 5 Characteristics.” Kirk Duplessis, September 2014 indicates that there are significant differences in the underlying diagnoses between the consistent subgroup of the Top 5 and those who cycle through.

